

BOARD WILL ACT ON

PAVING AWARDS TO-DAY

Prices Quoted Will Mean Saving to City of \$20,000 From Former Contract Rates.

BITULITHIC COMPANY LOWEST

City to Purchase Plant for Making Tests of Quality of Street Paving. Bidding Favors Block for Heavy Traffic Streets.

Approximately \$20,000 will be saved by the city on the smooth-paving contracts which the Administrative Board is expected to award this afternoon, as the result of increased competition and the slowness of the paving market throughout the United States. Bids submitted in the present competition are uniformly 20 cents on the square yard cheaper than the price paid by the city for the smooth paving constructed under the awards of last March.

The large amount of paving on which the city asked bids—approximately 119,000 square yards—according to one member of the Administrative Board, had much to do with the lowering of the cost. Financial engineers brought on by the unsettled state of affairs in Europe, have caused many American cities to abandon extensive paving projects, with the result that Richmond's paving contracts were eagerly sought for by contractors and manufacturers of paving materials.

HAVE HEREFORE USED

BLOCKS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY

Practically all of the smooth paving laid in the city prior to two years ago was of the block variety. The Washington Asphalt Block and the Concrete Asphalt Block, exclusively controls the blocks, and contracts for this class of paving were awarded year after year without competition. The monopoly of the block paving by this company was sharply emphasized when J. J. Smith & Co., of this city, secured the contract for paving the initial stretch on Broad Street west of the City Hall, and had to abandon it because of the refusal of the Washington company to supply the blocks except at its own price.

With the letting of extensive asphalt paving contracts last March, the city departed from its exclusive asphalt block policy and began to reap the benefits of competition. Unpaved street asphalt paving is approximately \$1.25 a square yard cheaper than asphalt block. The paving on 100,000 square yards is at once apparent.

ATLANTIC BITULITHIC CO. HIGHER

Nine firms and individuals have bids before the board for one or more classes of smooth paving. The lowest bid on asphalt concrete—the paving laid on Allison Street, between Broad Street and Monument Avenue—is \$1.22 if Aztec asphalt is used as the binder and \$1.39 if Bermudez asphalt is used. The bid is for a two-inch top and five-inch base. To this amount must be added 20 cents a square yard for cement, which the city is required to furnish. The same paving cost the city last March \$1.58, the city furnishing the cement.

The Atlantic Bitulithic Company has put in the lowest bid for asphalt concrete with either Bermudez or Aztec asphalt binder. The Central Construction Company, which has laid most of the asphalt concrete paving now in the city, has submitted a bid slightly higher. The lowest bid for asphalt block paving, submitted by the company which controls the block, is \$2.38 a square yard for a two-inch surface and a four-inch base.

CONTRACT MAY BE DIVIDED

TO SECURE THE PROMPT WORK

If the board adheres strictly to its implied obligation to award the work to the lowest bidder, the Atlantic Bitulithic Company stands in a fair way to receive the bulk of the contracts for smooth paving. The point has been made that the company might experience difficulty in laying 100,000 or more square yards of paving in a reasonable length of time, and it has been suggested that the awards be split, in the interest of expediency, even if it entails a slightly higher expense.

The Atlantic Bitulithic Company,

however, has addressed a communication to the Administrative Board offering to guarantee that it will construct monthly between 25,000 and 35,000 square yards of asphalt concrete. Should it be found necessary to do better than that, the company informed the board, it would amplify the equipment of the plant to maintain the city and increase the monthly output.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

TO DECIDE THIS AFTERNOON

The board will meet at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon to pass upon the paving bids and also upon the question of the rival Aztec and Bermudez asphalts. Paving using the latter product as a binder is quoted by the bidders 12 cents higher on the square yard than paving laid with Aztec asphalt as a binder. Should the board decide that Aztec asphalt fulfills all city requirements, the adoption of this product in preference to Bermudez would mean a saving of about \$10,000 on the contracts.

City Engineer Bolling has reported to the board that in his opinion asphalt block is the most durable paving that the city can employ. The recommendation, he said, was based on seventeen years observation of this paving on the streets of Richmond. He was of the opinion, however, that asphalt concrete, properly constructed and laid in accordance with city specifications, would be satisfactory and economical.

The board yesterday authorized City

Chemist Whitfield to purchase asphalt

testing apparatus for use in checking

up on the sheet paving shortly to be

contracted for. The same apparatus is

employed by Baltimore, which is now

engaged in the most ambitious paving

program of its history.

STATION AT SIASCONSET

WILL BE CLOSED TO-DAY

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Lines may be sent to carry out the closing order, but officials do not expect resistance.

SUIT FOR INJUNCTION

TO PREVENT CLOSING

NEW YORK, September 24.—John W. Griggs, president of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America, issued the following statement today:

"A bill has been filed for an injunction to restrain the Secretary of the Navy and the four naval officers now acting as censors at Sea Gate from censoring the company's station and possibly closing it."

"The following telegram was sent to the Secretary of the Navy today:

"I have filed in Federal court a bill for an injunction to restrain you and your officers from censoring or closing our stations, and have noticed hearing of motion for interlocutory injunction for October 7. I venture to express the hope that, inasmuch as all the Marconi stations are co-operating in the spirit of the government's policy of neutrality, and no messages of an unneutral character have been or are being received or sent, you will be willing to await the result of a judicial decision on the rights of the government and this company. In order to expedite the decision, I agree to argue the case at an early day as your counsel may desire."

DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMS

TO ARCHITECTS TO-DAY

After Delay of Month, Specifications for Proposed New Municipal Building Are Ready.

BUT ONE TO EACH COMPETITOR

Requests for Additional Copies, Under Committee's Ruling, Will Be Denied—Designs Must Be Submitted Not Later Than November 10.

After more than a month of delay the programs for the new municipal building design competition will be distributed to-day to the nineteen architects whose qualifications for entry in the competition have been approved by the special joint committee in charge of the building project. The program arrived last night from New York and will be delivered to-day by Clerk of Council Alfred H. McDowell.

Under a rule adopted by the committee at its last meeting only one program will be allowed to each competitor. One of two requests for additional programs have been made, but will, under the committee ruling, have to be denied. Advisory Architect Alfred C. Bosson, of New York, who prepared the program, advised against giving more than one copy to a competitor. It was a simple matter, he pointed out, for any architect who desired an extra copy to make one himself on the typewriter.

ARCHITECTS WHO ARE

ENTITLED TO ONE PROGRAM.

The nineteen architects who are entitled to one program each are: Charles M. Robinson, Inc., Noland & Baskerville, Charles K. Bryant, W. Duncan Lee, D. W. H. Amiel, Ashbury & Whitehurst, Herbert L. Kahn, Marcus Hallett, Albert E. Hunt, Carnel & Johnston, Julian Powers Fox, Clemens, A. F. Catesby Jones, C. K. Howell, Harold E. Callahan, Remington & Rudolph, Carl Richmond, William C. West, Marcellus E. Wright, and S. M. Williams.

The competing architects will have until October 12 to file requests for additional information. Such requests in order to receive attention, will have to be mailed in Richmond on that day to Mr. Bosson at the New York office, 365 Fifth Avenue. Answers to all the questions asked will be mailed simultaneously to all the architects not later than October 20.

MUST SUBMIT DESIGNS

ON NOVEMBER 10

At the meeting of the committee on the new municipal building, held on September 16, November 10 was fixed as the final time limit within which competitive designs must be deposited with Mr. McDowell. The designs must be in the hands of Mr. McDowell by 4 o'clock on the afternoon of that day.

The committee, after the designs have been judged and ranked, will recommend to the Council that it make an appropriation of \$1,100 to enable it to award three prizes for the best three designs submitted. The design given first place will receive a prize of \$1,000, the second best design \$500, and the third best design, \$250.

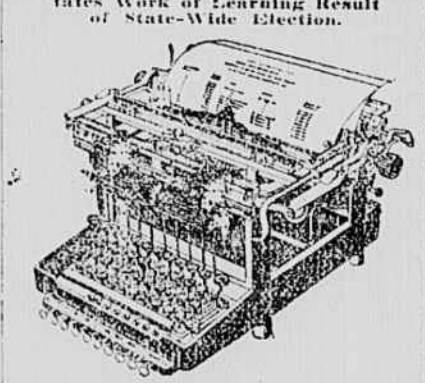
Under the agreement between the architects and the committee, to which each competitor submitted in accepting the program, the architect presenting the design which is awarded first prize will receive the contract for the building. If the Council finally makes an appropriation for the construction of the building the \$1,000 first prize won by the design is to be considered part of the professional fee that the architect will be paid. The agreement allows the winning architect a flat fee of 5 per cent of the cost of the building. This fee is to be inclusive, and to cover all expenses of supervision.

The program that will be distributed to the architects to-day is the finished document drawn up after repeated consultations and amendments. The original program, prepared by Mr. Bosson a month ago, was found by the committee to be inaccurate as regards the assignment of space for the various courts and clerks' offices. Mr. Bosson recast the courtroom provisions after personal consultation with the judges and clerks of the several courts which the proposed building will house.

MECHANICAL DEVICE

COMPILES RETURNS

Remington Adding Typewriter Facilitates Work of Learning Result of State-Wide Election.



NEWEST AID IN ELECTIONS.

Returns of Tuesday's State-wide election were tabulated in The Times-Dispatch office by means of the new Remington adding machine typewriter, the most convenient piece of mechanism for this kind of work that has yet been devised. Until Virginia elections were already in vogue in a number of Northern States—mechanical adding machines—returns from State elections will always be late and slow in their tabulation. The general interest in the prohibition election, the short ballot and the close attention of a corps of correspondents in every county in the State, enabled The Times-Dispatch to give a fairly accurate showing of the result in an extra edition on the streets shortly after 9 o'clock.

The Remington machine not only

prepared the ballots for a continuous

operation, but was then used to

make an accurate tabulation of the

returns by counties. The machine not

only listing the counties, but in the

same operation carrying both columns

of figures, adding the total, giving

one from the other, and adding in

related messages until the final hour

of going to press.

M'ADOO CONTINUES FIGHT

TO MAKE MONEY EASIER

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\$1,000,000 of short-term notes, maturing October 12, that the State desires to renew or extend \$1,000,000 of these notes; that a commission representing the State has been in New York for some time trying to effect this loan, but without success.

"It is preposterous that one of the great States of the Union should find it impossible to procure from the banks such a comparatively small amount of money. Senator Lea informed me he was writing to New York last night for the purpose of joining the commission in its efforts to secure the needed loan."

"If Senator Lea and his associates are unable to procure from banks in the City of New York or elsewhere today, and upon reasonable terms, the desired loan, I will myself and the banks cannot be found to take up this loan for the State of Tennessee on the 1st of October next, upon reasonable terms and at a reasonable rate of interest."

"101 RANCH" WILD WEST

EXHIBITS HERE TO-DAY

Street Parade This Morning Precedes Two Performances at Boulevard and Broad Street.

WILL ERECT CITY OF CANVAS

Show Presents Representation of Life on Plains and Cattle Ranges at Present and During Days of Pioneers.

Miller Brothers & Arlington's "101 Ranch" Wild West show comes to Richmond to-day. Early this morning an army of show folk will take possession of the erstwhile deserted grounds at Broad Street and the Boulevard, transform it into a city of canvas and a great horse fair, and make final arrangements for entertaining the crowds that performances of this kind always draw.

There will be a big arena tent, with its seats protected by rainproof and sunproof canopies. There will be tents for the horses, of which there are hundreds. There will be dining tents and wardrobe tents and tents for the harness-makers and horseshoers and gunsmiths, and all the other busy people who contribute so greatly to the success of the exhibition, although their names are not printed on the bills, and they never appear in the arena. There will be a character actor for Joe Miller, the amusement director, and for his partner, Edward Arlington, and for the general manager, George Armstrong, and his aids, and, not least, there will be the "Lepus" for the scores of Indians with the show.

The city of canvas will give some idea of the magnitude of the show. It is claimed for the "101 Ranch" that it stands alone as a truthful representation of life on the plains and cattle ranges, not only at the present time, but during the days when the pioneers were engaged in the perilous task of winning the West.

The performance is described as a diversified one. There is a review of the noted characters of the show, the capture and punishment of a horse thief; the pony express, a stage hold-up by Mexican bandits, and their subsequent capture by scouts and cowboys under the leadership of "Sheriff" Joe Miller; an attack on a pioneer's camp by Sioux and other Indians; a quadrille on horseback; a round-up, introduction of the greatest crack shooting by Indian and ranch girls, and other sensational features.

The two performances in this city take place at 2:15 and 8:15 and will be preceded at 10:30 this morning by a picturesque street parade over the principal downtown streets. All the Wild West notable had taken part in it, led by Joseph C. Miller and Chief Iron Tail, whose profile is on the new nickel.

Farrar—Clark.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

JETERSVILLE, September 24.—The Christian Church at Jetersville, was the scene of a beautiful marriage on Wednesday, when Miss Mary E. Clark, daughter of the late Samuel Clark, formerly of England, and Virginia R. Clark, of Amelia, was married to Richard Farrar, son of the late Judge F. R. Farrar. With Mrs. Fannie Longmire at the organ, the bride party entered the church to the wedding march from Lohengrin and retired to the notes of Mendelssohn.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. M. Watson, pastor of Fairfax Avenue Christian Church, of Norfolk. The bride came in on the arm of her brother, S. M. Clark, while the groom entered with his brother, S. L. Farrar, as best man. F. S. Farrar, F. H. Clark, Polk Wiley and John W. Booker acted as ushers.

The bride's sister, Miss Sarah E. Clark, was maid of honor and Miss Katherine Warriner was bridesmaid. Among those present from a distance were: Mrs. J. H. Schlegel and Mrs. Fannie Longmire, of Norfolk; Mrs. W. P. Francis, aunt of the bride, of Marion, Va.; Mrs. W. T. Bailey, of Suffolk; Mesdames D. W. Bailey and Sallie Lawrence, of Richmond.

FRENCH GIVES DETAILS

OF RECENT OPERATIONS

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German artillery fire is excellent, but the British soldier is a difficult person to depress, even by immense shells filled with a high explosive, which detonate with terrific violence and form craters large enough to act as graves for five horses.

"The German howitzer shells are from eight to nine inches in calibre, and on impact they send up columns of greasy, black smoke. On account of this they are dubbed 'coal boxes,' 'black Maries' or 'Jack Johnsons' by the soldiers."

"A considerable amount of information has been gleaned from the prisoners. It has been gathered that our bombardment on the 15th produced a great impression. The opinion is also reported that our infantry makes such good use of the ground that the German companies are decimated by our rifle fire before the British soldiers can be seen."

"From an official diary captured by the First Army Corps, it appears that one German corps contains an extraordinary mixture of troops, the composition of the corps is similar, it may be assumed that the present efficiency of the enemy's forces is in no way comparable with what it was when the war commenced."

"The losses in officers are noted as having been especially severe. A brigade is stated to be commanded by a major; some companies of footguards by one year volunteers, while after the battle of Montmirail, one regiment lost 55 out of 60 officers."

"The prisoners recently captured appreciate the fact that the march on Paris has failed and their forces are retreating, but state that the object of this movement is explained by the officers as being to withdraw into close touch with supports which have stayed too far in the rear."

"The officers also are endeavoring to encourage the troops by telling them they will be at home by Christmas. A large number of the men believe they are beaten."

GREAT DIFFICULTIES

WITH ENGLISH TROOPS.

"Following is an extract from one document:

"With the English troops we have great difficulties. They are a queer way of causing losses to the enemy. They make good trenches, in which they wait patiently; they carefully measure the ranges for their rifle fire, and they open a truly hellish fire on the unsuspecting cavalry. This was the reason we had such heavy losses."

"According to our officers the English striking forces are exhausted; the English people really never wanted war."

"From another source: 'The English are brave and ght to the last man. One of our companies has lost 130 men out of 240.'"

Negro Arrested for Theft. Edward Green, colored, was yesterday arrested by Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Klam, charged with stealing a suit of clothes from Eleanor Burke.

GIVEN EIGHTEEN YEARS

FOR ASSAULT ON CHILD

Russell Ellett, Negro Youth, Convicted of Attacking Eight-Year-Old Daughter of W. R. Wright.

BROUGHT TO HENRICO JAIL

Pending His Appeal From Verdict in Hanover County Circuit Court, Prisoner Is Removed Here to Incur Safe-Keeping.

Russell Ellett, a Richmond negro youth, eighteen years old, was convicted of criminal assault yesterday in the Circuit Court of Hanover County, and sentenced to serve eighteen years in prison. Counsel for the youth entered notice of appeal, and the prisoner was brought from the jail at Ashland last night to Henrico County Jail, where he is being held for safe-keeping.

Ellett is charged with committing an assault upon Violet Wright, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wright, of Doswell, Hanover County. The negro was captured shortly after the alleged crime, and is said to have been fully identified by the little girl. For a time after the arrest there was talk of lynching, but the excitement soon subsided.

NEGRO ARRESTED SOON

AFTER ATTACK OCCURRED

The alleged assault occurred near Doswell, where the girl's father is employed as a railroad telegrapher. While a baseball game was in progress at Doswell the girl's mother sent her on an errand to the Wright home, about a quarter of a mile from the ball grounds. The negro followed, and, overtaking the girl at the home, asked for a drink of water. She went in to get a cup, and as she stepped into the hallway, he entered and attacked her. Leaving the child in a semiconscious condition, he fled. When she was able, she got up and went to her mother and told what had happened.

Soon after the occurrence the negro was caught by T. F. Filipo, a farmer, near Ashland. The negro was brought to the Wright home and identified. He was then taken to jail. The child was not seriously hurt, it is said. She is a granddaughter of R. H. Wright, who is connected with the

transportation department of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, with offices in Richmond.

War Relief Fund.

The German Consulate has opened a subscription list for the relief of the wounded, and widows and orphans caused by the war. An official receipt will be given to all contributors.

E. K. VIETOR, Consul, 1800 Sommes Ave., Richmond.

—Adv.

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